

## MANNING, C.

Our research indicates that this soldier was Cyril St Lawrence Manning, born in Carlton in about 1897 to Elizabeth Bellman (1857-1937) and Thomas Manning. The family lived in 364 Cardigan Street, Carlton for many years.

Cyril Manning apparently enlisted in the AIF in 1914. His original attestation papers were lost and a copy made but no service records attached. It is possible that he was underage and his application was originally rejected for he then reapplied in 1915 under the alias of Thomas Collins. (Coincidentally his stepbrother was Thomas R Collins.) His battalion was sent to the Dardanelles, where he was wounded, and then to France where Cyril was admitted to hospital suffering shell shock. Cyril found military discipline difficult to take and he spent some time in military prison for desertion and other crimes.

Cyril returned to Carlton in 1919, again living in Cardigan Street. He married Minnie Smithson (1895-1937) in 1922 and the couple moved to North Fitzroy where they lived for many years. Cyril applied to serve in the Australian Army during World War II but was declared medically unfit. He died in 1965.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **Thomas COLLINS**

Regimental number	1730
Place of birth	Melbourne, Victoria
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Tinsmith
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs E Manning, 364 Cardigan Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	5 January 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	6 January 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	7th Battalion, 4th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/24/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i> on 14 April 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	7th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 1 July 1919.
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	Noted True name Manning Cyril NR.

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First page of Cyril Manning's Service Record SERN 1026

**DUPLICATE**  
*is a correct copy of the original*  
*20th Sep 1914*  
*1026*

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**  
MILITARY FORCES.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1026. Name Manning Cyril St Lawrence  
Unit 5th Batta at Sorcery  
Joined on 9th Sept. 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Manning Cyril St Lawrence  
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Carlton in or near the Town of Melbourne in the County of Borrika Vic  
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... British Subject  
4. What is your age? ... 19 years 3 months  
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Tinsmith  
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whence, to whom, and for what period? ... No  
7. Are you married? ... No  
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father Thomas Manning 364 Gardigan Street Carlton Bourke, Vic  
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No  
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No  
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Yes 1 1/2 years Senior Cadets (Left District)  
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes  
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No  
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ...

Cyril St Lawrence Manning do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 9/9/14 Cyril St Lawrence Manning  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/8.14. — C.1923. \* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

*I consent to my son enlisting in the*  
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**STATUTORY DECLARATION.**

1. This form must be filled in by the declarant, and must be signed by the declarant in the presence of the declarant.

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3. This form must be filled in by the declarant, and must be signed by the declarant in the presence of the declarant.

I, *Cyril Manning*, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I enlisted in the I.F. under the assumed name of *Thomas Collins* and my true and correct name is as stated above. viz  
*Cyril Manning*  
*1730 Ave of Ballin*

And my correct age on enlistment was  
*18 years, not as stated by me.*  
*21 1/2 years.*

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911 conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

1. This form must be filled in by the declarant, and must be signed by the declarant in the presence of the declarant.

*C. Manning*

Declared at *Melbourne* the *Fifteenth* day of *March* 192*6*, before me,

2. This form must be filled in by the declarant, and must be signed by the declarant in the presence of the declarant.

*M. J. O'Connell*

3. This form must be filled in by the declarant, and must be signed by the declarant in the presence of the declarant.

NOTE.—Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

STATUTORY DECLARATION ACT 1911.

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## AUSTRALIANS IN FRANCE.

### Wounded.

Mrs. Manning, of 364 Cardigan-street, Carlton, has received intimation that Private Cyril Manning, 7th Battalion, who was wounded at Gallipoli, and just recovered from wounds received in France, is in the First Southern General Hospital suffering severely from trench feet.

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### IN MEMORIAM. On Active Service.

**COLLINS.**—In loving memory of Trooper Frederick Thomas Collins, 12th Light Horse, who died at the Garrison Hospital, Sydney, 4th June, 1917, son of Mrs. E. Manning, 364 Cardigan-street, Carlton; loving brother of Charles A. Collins, Fitzroy; Mrs. J. Ward, Glenferrie; Mrs. L. Kay, Croxton; Mrs. R. Hamilton, Thomas R. Collins, Carlton; stepbrother of Private Cyril Manning, 7th Battalion, Sutton Vasey Camp, England; Private Joseph M. Manning 14th Battalion, prisoner of war, Germany, aged 39 years.

Dear Fred, our hearts are aching,  
We are thinking of you to-day;  
Sad was the hour we lost you, Fred;  
It seems but yesterday  
You are always in our thoughts, dear,  
It's sweet to speak your name;  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

—Inserted by his loving mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Manning.

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